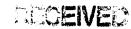
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.

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\boxtimes	The fee set forth in § 1.17(e) must be filed along with this request:			
	\boxtimes	Attached is a check for the § 1.17(h) fee.		
		Charge the § 1.17(e) fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this request is attached.		

A submission must be filed along with this request. The following submission(s) is(are) filed herewith:

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Dated:		September 27, 2004	Respectfully submitted, Gustayo Siller, Jr.		
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